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Office Action Summary

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JACOBSON ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 25, and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 25, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over New et al., (US 6,948,147) and Nishihara et al., (US 6,336,209)

As per claim 1-4, 25, and 28, New teaches an arrangement for managing configuration data for a system, comprising: a software tool hosted on a data processing arrangement; a system interface coupled to the tool and to the system; and wherein the tool is configured to, generate a chain description data set (a boundary scan device chain) that specifies an order (using device IDs) in a configuration chain of configurable devices (programmable JTAG devices) in the system and obviously identifies configuration data sets associated with the configurable devices. New teaches a configuring apparatus with a master JTAG boundary scan port (See 204, Fig. 2) having a data output terminal for providing instruction data to an external memory (250) and a data input terminal for receiving configuration data from the external memory in response to the instruction data set (microcontroller (202), Fig. 2 provides configuration data to a configuration memory 116) However, New does not expressly teach archiving the data sets. Nonetheless, Nishihara teaches reading

device specifications from the connected circuit information from a memory unit (200, Fig. 1) using the device ID codes (col. 5, lines 46-col. 16, lines 1-67) to associate the device and the device specification. Further, Nishihara includes an editing part that generate to archive including the configuration data sets and device ID codes.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the system method of New by implementing reading values and keeping track of an ID code from each of a plurality of devices on the system, disclosed by Nishihara because it would provide New's system method with the enhanced capability of identifying devices connected to the system bus. (Nishihara, Abstract, col. 5, lines 46-col. 16, lines 1-67)

Claims 5-24, 26, 27, 29, and 30, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, specifically claim 5, 26, and 29, states "extracting from the archive the configuration data sets, chain description data set, and system identifier value in response to a user control; determining a target system identifier value of a target system; comparing the target system identifier value to the system identifier value extracted from the archive; and if the target system identifier value does not match the system identifier value extracted from the archive, preventing configuration of the target system with the extracted configuration data sets."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272- 6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272- 2100.

/Tammara R Peyton/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2182

May 10, 2008